

SENATE BILL No. 158

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-15-31.1.

Synopsis: Pharmacy dispensing fee survey. Requires the office of Medicaid policy and planning to conduct an annual survey of pharmacy providers to assess the appropriate level of dispensing fees paid to providers for prescribed drugs. Lists factors that must be considered in the survey. Requires the secretary of the office of family and social services to commence the rulemaking process to implement any adjustment in dispensing fees not later than November 1 of the year in which a survey was conducted.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 7, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning Medicaid.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-15-31.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 31.1. Adjustment of Pharmacy Dispensing Fees**

5 **Sec. 1. Not later than October 1 of each year, the office shall**
6 **conduct a survey of pharmacy providers to assess the appropriate**
7 **level of dispensing fees to be paid to providers for prescribed**
8 **drugs.**

9 **Sec. 2. A survey under section 1 of this chapter must include an**
10 **evaluation of dispensing fees in other states and the policies of the**
11 **federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly the**
12 **Health Care Financing Administration).**

13 **Sec. 3. A dispensing fee shall be evaluated based upon the**
14 **following information concerning the costs of pharmacy operation:**

- 15 (1) Operational data.
16 (2) Professional services data.
17 (3) Overhead data.



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1 **(4) Profit data.**

2 **Sec. 4. If an adjustment in dispensing fees is made following a**
3 **survey conducted under section 1 of this chapter, the secretary**
4 **shall commence the rulemaking process under IC 4-22-2 to make**
5 **the adjustment not later than November 1 of the year in which the**
6 **survey was conducted.**

7 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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